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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Tscherim Soobzokov, 21 May 1980 Visit By
Joseph Lynch, Office of Special Investigations,
Department of Justice

1. On 21 May 1980, Joseph Lynch, Office of Special Investigations, Department of Justice, was in my office for the purpose of continuing his review of CIA files on Tscherim Soobzokov and to interview [redacted], a retired DO officer, concerning [redacted]'s relationship with Soobzokov in the early 1950s. (S)

2. Mr. Lynch reviewed the remainder of the Office of Security files on Mr. Soobzokov and his notes were forwarded to [redacted], OS/SAG for classification at the end of the day. Following this review, Mr. Lynch asked that we forward a copy of the summary of State Department files made by the Office of Security to the Department of State for release to Mr. Lynch. A letter to State is being drafted and will be sent out shortly. (U)

3. Mr. Lynch's interview with [redacted] was, for the most part, uneventful. Mr. Lynch asked whether [redacted] had any knowledge of a Form V-30 submitted by Mr. Soobzokov. [redacted] said he did not recognize the form [redacted] during the 1950s nor did he have any specific recollection of this form. Mr. Lynch then asked [redacted] if he knew Soobzokov well in 1952 and asked if [redacted] knew of Soobzokov's visa applications in the early 1950s. [redacted] responded that he knew Mr. Soobzokov through his dealings with him [redacted]. He recalled vaguely that Soobzokov had applied for a visa to the United States, but did not recall any specific details of the visa application. Mr. Lynch then asked if [redacted] knew that Soobzokov had been a member of SS. [redacted] answered that he knew generally about Soobzokov's background, that he had become aware of Soobzokov's SS affiliation sometime in the past but did not recall when he first learned of this information. (S)

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When asked if he had ever specifically advised Soobzokov regarding the information he should, or should not, put on a visa application, [] stated that he did not recall ever advising Soobzokov on visa matters. In that regard, [] also stated that he had no recollection of [] Soobzokov's application for immigration nor did he recall ever discussing Soobzokov's visa application with anyone [] J. [] did

1. Finally, [] was asked when he had last contacted Soobzokov. [] answered that his last communication with Mr. Soobzokov was about one year ago and that he was certain he had not communicated with Mr. Soobzokov in the last six months. (S)

4. The foregoing are the highlights, such as they are, of a rambling one and one-half hour interview. The interview ended cordially with no apparent unresolved questions. (U)

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